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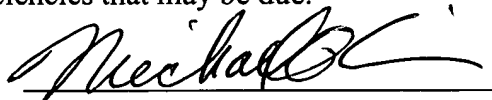
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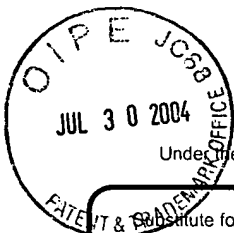
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	19	Various photographs showing a dropped deck center beam car bearing model no. THRX 3001 manufactured by Thrall (date and location unknown).	
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	24	Various photographs taken on September 27, 2000, Campbellville, Ontario, Canada, showing a flatcar bearing model no. CN 602376.	
	25	Various photographs taken on September 27, 2000, Milton, Ontario, Canada, showing a flatcar bearing model no. BCOL 52098.	
	26	RAILWAY AGE WEEKLY, Simmons-Boardman Publishing Corporation, Boston, Conn., July 29, 1968, p. 42D.	
	27	Various photographs taken on April 24, 2001 at the Frid Street Yard, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, showing a dropped deck center beam car bearing model no. GCFX 1002 manufactured by Alstom.	
	28	Various photographs taken on September 4, 2001 at the Frid Street Yard, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, showing a dropped deck center beam car bearing model no. GBRX 20003 manufactured by Gunderson.	
	29	Various photographs taken on October 31, 2001 at the Frid Street Yard, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, showing a dropped deck center beam car bearing model no. GBRX 20003 manufactured by Gunderson.	
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